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Execution of Space Defense Contingency Operations (U)

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1. (U) As you are aware, the ASAT community successfully accomplished an end-to-end exercise of the Air-Launched ASAT system, 16-18 Mar 87. Post-exercise assessments have revealed that both the field elements and C³ chains performed exceptionally well.
2. (U) Throughout our development of the Contingency Capability, Det 4, AFOTEC has continued to organize and conduct IOT&E exercises and demonstrations focused on assessing the Air-Launched ASAT's ability to meet IOC and FOC operational requirements. The outstanding IOT&E efforts of Lt Col Gary Bohn, Lt Col Tim Wood, Maj Kurt Ramstein and Capt Jake Stauffer have also provided invaluable insights into the utility and feasibility of the ASAT Contingency Capability.
3. (U) AFOTEC's continuing IOT&E efforts will undoubtedly ensure that the Air Force delivers to USCINCSpace an effective operational ASAT weapon, vital to the nation's security. However, as a by-product, AFOTEC has also contributed greatly to an expedient achievement of the ASAT contingency capability. I thank you for your contribution and look forward to your continued support throughout the OT&E process.

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